

RUSSIANS WIN AT LIPNO; NOW BUT 26 MILES FROM THORN

Cossack Dash Forces German Cavalry Retreat. Russians Wipe Out Battalion in Carpathian Pass. Turks Lose Two Destroyers in Dardanelles. Sortie—Ottoman Offensive Gains Ground Near Batum.

German Batteries Silenced in Violent Artillery Battles Along Banks of the Aisne—French Claim Gains in Argonne—Australian Troops Repulse Attack of Turks in Suez Region—British Win in Africa.

Renewed vigor marks the Russian drive against Thorn. The cavalry vanguard has forced the Germans to retreat to Lipno, only 26 miles from the Prussian stronghold.

Russian forces have annihilated an entire German battalion in a great battle for possession of the Dukla Pass. Desperate fighting for two days and nights won both the pass and the heights dominating it. Between Jaslicka, Galicia, and Mezo Laborcz, the Russians have swept across the mountain ridges and also have forced the Austrians out of the Wysock district.

German reinforcements are aiding the Austrians in the Beskid range, southeast of Przemyel. The Germans announce official occupation of Goumline, on the Warsaw front, and capture of 4000 prisoners.

A million Muscovites are fronting the Germans on the Warsaw lines, as great reinforcements have been brought forward to check the violent activity during the first days of a fresh thrust at the Polish capital. Already first line trenches taken by the foe have been recaptured.

Petrograd reports a new invasion of Hungary by the Cossacks, who are pressing on to Budapest.

In artillery battles raging along the Aisne the French have silenced several German batteries, according to the Paris War Office report. A slight gain near Perthes in the Argonne, as well as the repulse of German attacks in that region, is also claimed. The Germans have launched fire boats on the River Encre, north of Albert, directing them against the French lines, but this new form of warfare has been without effect thus far.

Two Turkish torpedo boats were sunk and a third damaged by Allied warships, according to an unconfirmed Athens report, which tells of an unsuccessful sortie of Ottoman destroyers from the Dardanelles.

Australian troops, recently arrived in Egypt, routed a Turk detachment in the Suez region.

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GERMANS FORCED BACK AS THORN DRIVE GAINS

Retreat to Lipno, 26 Miles From Prussian Stronghold. WARSAW, Feb. 2. The Russian drive against Thorn, the great German fortress on the Vistula in East Prussia, has been resumed. After sanguinary fighting along the lower Vistula and north of that stream the Germans have retreated to Lipno, only 26 miles from Thorn.

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CHURCHES SAVE RUM BUSINESS, SUNDAY'S JOLT

"Saloon Will Go to Hell," He Shouts, "When Members Stop Voting for Booze."

Churches and church members were held responsible for the existence of the "booze" business in Philadelphia by "Billy" Sunday this afternoon when, in one of his strongest sermons, he pleaded for renewed strength for Christians through spiritual power. Because of the intermingling of the worldly things with the religious, he said, the church has lost its power, the evangelist declared.

"I know, you know and you'll have to admit it, that whenever every person whose name is on the church record votes against the saloons the saloon will go to hell," he shouted. "You know and I know that whenever the church people stop going to the theatres they'll either go out of business or clean up."

At the close of the sermon and a characteristic prayer, "Billy" asked for converts, and 66 men and women "hit the sawdust trail" and took his hand. Among them was one man so much under the influence of liquor that he could scarcely sit in "glory row."

"Mel" Trotter, of Detroit, Michigan, the widely known evangelist and social worker, who was converted on the Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, where Sunday accepted Christ 29 years ago, and a close friend of the baseball preacher, addressed the converts and urged them to keep his talk to the "trail bitters" not to delay telling their friends they had come to Christ. All were urged to pray, read their Bibles and confess God before the world.

"Mel" caused much laughter by his witty remarks. One of these was: "When I accepted Christ and stopped swearing, I lost half of my vocabulary." "Billy" hit at church members who are leaders in card parties and society. He said: "A man came to me and said 'Mr. Sunday, I am a member of your church. I asked, 'Does she go to prayer meeting?' He answered, 'No.' I asked, 'Does she visit the sick?' 'No.' Does she put her arms about some poor sinner and

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TODAY'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

|                                  |    |    |   |    |
|----------------------------------|----|----|---|----|
| Chestnut Hill Academy.....       | 15 | 16 | — | 31 |
| Mt. Airy Theological Seminary... | 10 | 9  | — | 19 |
| St. Luke's School, 2d.....       | 17 | 17 | — | 34 |
| Haverford Prep, 2d.....          | 7  | 15 | — | 22 |

WEST PHILA. HIGH'S CLASS RELAYS

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Seniors.....    | 14 |
| Juniors.....    | 9  |
| Sophomores..... | 7  |
| Freshmen.....   | 6  |

DYNAMITING OF BRIDGE 'IS WAR,' SAYS GERMAN

Van Horne Boasts of His Attack on Border Span and Says He Cannot Be Extradited.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Formal application for the extradition to Canada of Werner Van Horne, the alleged German officer arrested for attempting to destroy the railroad bridge over the St. Croix River today was made to the State Department by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador.

YANCBORO, Me., Feb. 3.—Werner Van Horne today told his own story of the dynamiting of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Maine Central Railroad bridge over the St. Croix River. He declared that he alone was responsible and that the German Government knew nothing of his plans.

"My country is at war," said Van Horne. "We are fighting Canada along with the others. Canada has been supplying men to the Allies' ranks in Europe. From Canada have been shipped great cargoes of grain and other foodstuffs, ammunition and guns."

"No small part of these shipments have passed over this bridge. To destroy these bridges would at least interrupt the line of freight carrying munitions to New York. I was in Staten Island for a while. I left New York last Friday night and came back here, and I have been at the Exchange Hotel here since my arrival at 6 o'clock Saturday night. I came here with the distinct purpose of wrecking the bridge. I met a man, an Irishman, who brought me the explosive from the other side of the river."

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SNOW SWEEPERS IN SERVICE TO PREVENT STREET BLOCKADE

Rapid Transit Company Begins Operations in Germantown—Railroads Prepare for Emergency.

Philadelphia's total rainfall for the storm period beginning Sunday morning was 2.25 inches. The average rainfall for the entire month of February, or 3.33 inches, has been exceeded during the first three days of this month.

In this period approximately 3.95 inches has fallen. The excess rainfall here since January 1 has been 7.03 inches.

Five inches of snow in Germantown, with the flakes still coming down, impelled the Rapid Transit Company to start its big snow sweepers over its lines in the city before 2 o'clock this afternoon.

So far no snowsweepers have been sent out by either of the three railroads entering this city, but all the big snow plows are in readiness if the snowfall should prove heavy enough to hamper traffic.

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PEOPLE DEMAND COUNCILS HASTEN WORK ON TRANSIT

Favorable Action Tomorrow on Ordinance Providing for Special Election to Authorize \$30,000,000 Loan Will Permit Early Start on Construction.

Failure of Finance Committee to Report Measure Would Make It Impossible for People to Sanction High-Speed in March, as Demanded by Taylor.

If You Want to Boost Rapid Transit Telephone to These Councilmen

Here is a list of the members of Councils' Finance Committee. The ordinances that would authorize a special election to provide \$30,000,000 for a comprehensive system of subways and elevated lines, according to the plans of Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor, are now before them as a committee and have been before them for the last month. Upon their action depends whether or not the election shall be held in March and actual transit construction started in the coming summer, instead of in 1916.

If you want the work on real rapid transit in Philadelphia to begin this year, communicate with these men. Call them by telephone today at their business places or at their homes tonight. Ask them to take immediate action in the matter.

COMMON COUNCILMEN

| Name and Home Address.                                | Telephone Numbers.     | Home.            | Business.        |
|---|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| John P. Connelly, Chairman, 238 Fairmount avenue..... | Market 2919.....       | Market 2919..... | Market 2919..... |
| Dr. Thomas J. Morton, 1432 North 10th st.....         | Market 2742.....       | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| Robert Smith, 2346 Reed street.....                   | Dickinson 608.....     | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| Peter E. Costello, 3500 Dismant street.....           | Tacony.....            | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| Fred Schwarz, Jr., 414 Richmond street.....           | Frankford 883-D.....   | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| Dr. E. B. Gleason, 3533 Chestnut street.....          | Locust 350.....        | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| Morris E. Conn, 108 South 22d street.....             | Locust 1655-W.....     | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| John H. Baileys, 621 McKean street.....               | Dickinson 1728-A.....  | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| William J. McCloskey, 1097 North 6th st.....          | Market 1227.....       | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| G. H. Kelley, 1633 South Broad street.....            | Germantown 1942-D..... | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| George P. Darrow, 621 Germantown ave.....             | Germantown 1942-D..... | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| Robert S. McElroy, 1924 Bainbridge st.....            | Market 1602.....       | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |

SELECT COUNCILMEN

| Name and Home Address.                        | Telephone Address.     | Home.            | Business.        |
|---|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Harry J. Trainer, 738 South 19th street.....  | Locust 303.....        | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| William J. Crawford, 2355 Fitzwater st.....   | Locust 303.....        | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| Charles Seger, 1715 Pine street.....          | Locust 606.....        | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| Edward Buchholz, 1927 North 6th street.....   | Market 2742.....       | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| George W. Kucker, 1921 North 6th street.....  | Market 2742.....       | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| Louis Hutt, 224 Oxford street.....            | Peapack 974-A.....     | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| John J. McKinley, Jr., 3052 North 20 st.....  | Kensington 1784-D..... | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| George D'Autrechy, 1445 N. Lawrence st.....   | Market 2742.....       | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| William H. Finley, 3005 South 4th street..... | Market 2742.....       | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |
| John F. Flaherty, 602 North 8th street.....   | Market 565.....        | Market 2742..... | Market 2742..... |

SHIP BILL BELIEVED KILLED BY BOLT OF SEVEN DEMOCRATS

Bitter Speech by Senator Stone Regarded as Funeral Oration Over President's Pet Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The friends virtually conceded this afternoon that the ship purchase bill was dead. The bolt of the seven Democrats—O'Gorman, Hitchcock, Hardwick, Bankhead, Camden, Vandamm and Clarke—who joined the Republicans in an agreement to send the bill back to a hostile committee was regarded as having been entirely successful.

The Democrats who joined the Republicans in the fight were denounced as traitors and virtually read out of the party by Senator Stone in the upper house this afternoon. So strong was Stone's language that Senator O'Gorman, one of the seven bolters, made a point that Stone was violating the rules by personally abusing fellow Senators.

"I think I am amenable to the rule, Mr. President," said Stone, "because the conduct of those Senators could not be referred to without breaking the rule."

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THE WEATHER

SNOW

The groundhog mislead his guess. Not that there is anything so very unusual about that, but it must be a considerable setback to his pride to have the very first day of his predicted spring produce some of the most blustery weather we have had in these parts this winter.

Forecast

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Snow this afternoon and probably to night; Thursday generally fair; not much change in temperature; moderate winds, mostly northwest.

Observations at Philadelphia

Almanac of the Day